

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 6 with the following paragraph:

To assemble the inflator 10, the propellant 26 is hermetically sealed within the Mylar[®] pouch 54 and then inserted into the cap 14. A known woven wire annular mesh 58 may be inserted within the cap 14 to provide gas filtration. Glue 56 is applied to the cap/base interface formed at the flange 20 18 peripheral edge 38 interface, or, applied between the cap flange 20 18 and the base peripheral edge 38. Stated another way, a cap peripheral edge 60 is adhesively mated to a base peripheral edge 38 once the cap 14 is rotatably fixed to the base 16.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 14 with the following paragraph:

After applying adhesive ~~54~~ 56, hook members 36 are mated with recessed portions 32 in overlying relation thereto. Hook members 36 then slidably engage flange 20 18 as base 16 is rotated counterclockwise relative to cap 14. As shown in the figures therefore, the radial length determined from the center of annulus 48 to the inner groove 40 must be slightly larger than the radial length B determined from the axial center of cap 14 to the peripheral edge 38 of protruding member 30. Relative movement of the cap 14 within the tapered groove 40 will provide a base/cap interference fit as the hooks 36 are rotated about cap edge 60 from the first end 44 to the second end 46. The respective grooves 40 are therefore rotatably fixed about peripheral edges 60 of the protruding portions 30.